

missioners court, and making provisions applicable as far as practicable to convicts when worked upon county farms; and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work and for an allowance of time of road service for same; and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act; and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Coleman county; providing for the condemnation of land needed for widening, straightening, changing or draining roads; providing for the taking of timber, gravel, earth, stone or other necessary material for the improvement of roads, and giving persons summoned to work upon the roads the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duty on the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated; providing for the collection of such sums of money by road overseers; and prescribing the penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act," and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Anahuac Independent School District in Chambers county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of Dallas county, Texas, to provide a building in the city of Dallas at or near the courthouse in said county, and to establish therein a woman's rest room or rest rooms of sufficient dimensions for the comfort and convenience of the women and children of the rural districts who are called upon to attend court or to visit the county site; and appropriate sufficient money

out of the general fund of said county to properly maintain said rest room or rest rooms, and to pay the salaries of the matron and janitor, and to provide water, lights and heat for said building, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

(Monday, September 17, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Lanier.
Baker.	Lee.
Beard of Milam.	Lindemann.
Beasley.	McComb.
Beason.	McDowra.
Bedell.	McFarland.
Bell.	McMillin.
Bertram.	Meador.
Blackmon.	Mendell.
Bledsoe.	Metcalfe.
Bryan.	Miller of Dallas.
Bryant.	Moore.
Burton of Rusk.	Morris.
Butler.	Murrell.
Cadenhead.	Neeley.
Clark.	Neill.
Cope.	O'Banion.
Cox.	Oshorne.
Crudgington.	Peyton.
Davis of Dallas.	Raiden.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
Davis	Richards.
of Van Zandt.	Robertson.
De Bogory.	Russell.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Sentell.
Estes.	Schlosshan.
Fairchild.	Scholl.
Fisher.	Seawright.
Fitzpatrick.	Sholars.
Florer.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fly.	Smith of Hopkins.
Haidusek.	Smith of Scurry.
Hardey.	Spradley.
Harris.	Stewart.
Hill.	Strayhorn.
Holaday.	Swope.
Holland.	Taylor.
Hudspeth.	Templeton.
Johnson.	Thomas.
Jones.	Thomason
Laas.	of Nacogdoches.
Lacey.	Thompson
Laney.	of Hunt.

Thompson of Red River.	White.
Tillotson.	Williams of Brazoria.
Tilson.	Williford.
Tinner.	Wilson.
Trayler.	Woods.
Veatch.	Woodul.
Walker.	

Absent.

Bagby.	O'Brien.
Beard of Harris.	Parks.
Blackburn.	Peddy.
Carlock.	Rogers.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Wise.
Lange.	Thomason
Lowe	of El Paso.
of McMullen.	Tschoepe.
Low	Upchurch.
of Washington.	Valentine.
Miller of Austin.	Wahrmund.
Nichols.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Nordhaus.
Bland.	Pillow.
Brown.	Poage.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pope.
Canales.	Roemer.
Cates.	Terrell.
Dunnam.	Williams
McCoy.	of McLennan.
Martin.	Yantis.
Monday.	

The Speaker announced a quorum present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Yantis, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Murrell.

Mr. Bland, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Neill.

Mr. Monday, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Spradley.

Mr. Pope, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Williford.

Mr. Burton of Tarrant, for today, on motion of Mr. Walker.

Mr. Dunnam, for today, on motion of Mr. Denton.

Mr. Pillow and Mr. Brown, for today, on motion of Mr. Richards.

Mr. Martin, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Cope.

Mr. Cates, for today, on motion of Mr. Swope.

Mr. Terrell, for today, on motion of Mr. Cadenhead.

Mr. McCoy, for today, on motion of Mr. McDewra.

Mr. Nordhaus, for this week, on motion of Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Van Zandt, it was ordered that House bill No. 27 be not printed.

PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATING STATE DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the resolution providing for a committee to investigate the State Departments and institutions as recommended on last Thursday by the committee heretofore appointed to formulate plans for such investigation, the resolution having been read second time on that day and further consideration of the resolution having been postponed until the same had been printed in the Journal.

Question—Shall the resolution be adopted?

Mr. Spradley raised the following point of order on consideration of the resolution by the House:

Mr. Speaker: I submit the resolution is out of order for the following reasons: It seeks to create places of profit for members of the House of Representatives which is forbidden by Article 3, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which reads as follows:

"No Senator or Representative shall, during the term for which he may be elected, be eligible to any civil office of profit under this State which shall have been created, or the emoluments of which may have been increased, during such term; no member of either house shall, during the term for which he is elected be eligible to any office or place, the appointment of which may be made, in whole or in part, by either branch of the Legislature, and no member of either house shall vote for any other member for any office whatever which may be filled by a vote of the Legislature, except in such cases as are in this Constitution provided."

The Speaker stated that he would not rule on the point of order, but would submit the question to the House for its decision.

Question—Shall the point of order be sustained?

Yeas and nays were demanded and the House overruled the point of order by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Beason.	Miller of Dallas.
Cox.	Sallas.
Fisher.	Scholl.
Fitzpatrick.	Spradley.
Harris.	Thompson
Hill.	of Red River.
Holland.	Tillotson.
Lanier.	Walker.
McFarland.	

Nays—78.

Baker.	Moore.
Beard of Milam.	Morris.
Beasley.	Neeley.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bell.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	Osborne.
Blackmon.	Peyton.
Bryan.	Raiden.
Bryant.	Reeves.
Burton of Rusk.	Richards.
Butler.	Robertson.
Cadenhead.	Russell.
Clark.	Sackett.
Cope.	Sentell.
Crudgington.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Dallas	Seawright.
Davis of Grimes.	Sholars.
Davis	Smith of Bastrop.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Hopkins.
De Bogory.	Smith of Scurry.
Denton.	Spencer of Wise.
Dodd.	Stewart.
Dudley.	Swope.
Estes.	Taylor.
Fairchild.	Templeton.
Fly.	Thomas.
Haidusek.	Thomason
Hardey.	of Nacogdoches.
Holaday.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Hunt.
Johnson.	Tilson.
Jones.	Tinner.
Laas.	Trayler.
Lacey.	Veatch.
Lindemann.	White.
McComb.	Williams
McDowra.	of Brazoria.
McMillin.	Williford.
Meador.	Wilson.
Mendell.	Woods.
Metcalfe.	Woodul.

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Murrell.
Bledsoe.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Beard of Harris.
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Blackburn.	O'Brien.
Carlock.	Parks.
Florer.	Peddy.
Greenwood.	Rogers.
Hartman.	Schlesinger.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Nolan.
Laney.	Strayhorn.
Lange.	Thomason
Lee.	of El Paso.
Lowe	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Upchurch.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	Wahrmund.
Nichols.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Monday.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Cates.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
McCoy.	Williams
Martin.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.

Mr. Mendell moved to lay the resolution on the table subject to call.

Mr. Tillotson moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow and that it be made a special order for that hour.

Question—Shall the motion of Mr. Tillotson prevail?

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 2, "An Act to amend Articles 1867 and 1868 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith by providing that a defendant who is in the service of the United States as a soldier shall not be required to answer to the merits of a demand sued upon during the time he is actively engaged as a soldier in the war between the United States and the imperial government of Germany, and providing that he shall be required to answer to the merits of such suit within ninety days from the date of the signing of a treaty of peace between the United States and the imperial government of Germany; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 3, "An Act providing that in case of sales of real property of soldiers or sailors serving in the armies or navies of the United States who are

in war with Germany, by virtue or deeds of trust or mortgages, where such sales are made without foreclosure suits, that before the execution of any conveyance or delivery of the property there shall first be filed a suit for the confirmation of the sales and for authority to make conveyance and delivery of the property, declaring how service shall be had in such suits and the law applicable thereto, and providing for confirmation of such sales, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 8, "An Act to amend Sections 1, 2 and 8 of Chapter 181 of the General Laws enacted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, establishing standard containers and standard packs and grades for fruits and vegetables, and to add thereto Section 2a, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 11, "An Act to amend Section 37, Chapter 17, of the General and Special Laws of the State of Texas passed at the Thirty-third Legislature at its First Called Session, being 'An Act creating the San Patricio county road system so as to require the tax assessor to make up the tax rolls of said county, including all defined road districts, instead of by justice precincts,' by adding two new sections to be designated as Section 37a and Section 37b; fixing the compensation of the tax assessor, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 15, "An Act to reorganize the Seventieth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of the courts as herein fixed; to validate such process and to validate the summoning of grand and petit juries; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

RELATING TO PAY OF WARRANT CLERK.

The Speaker announced that he ordered Emory Menefee to begin work as warrant clerk of the House of Representatives at \$5.00 per day on Saturday, September 8th, 1917, but failed to make announcement of such appointment to the House until Friday, September 14th, 1917, and stated that if there are no objections, he will have warrant issued for such services.

There was no objection offered.

PRESENTATION TO HON. AND MRS. WALTER WOODUL.

Speaker Fuller on behalf of the members of the House presented Hon. and Mrs. Walter Woodul with a silver tea service.

Speaker Fuller, in making the presentation, said:

"Gentlemen of the House: There is a matter of the highest importance before us that we wish to consider at this time.

"In the affairs of life there come to us many experiences. Life is full of sunshine, and the progress of life is full of expectations and disappointments. Life is full of pleasure and sorrow.

"It becomes my pleasure and my privilege on this occasion to say to you that this is one of the most pleasant moments I have enjoyed during this session of the Legislature. More sunshine and more happiness comes into our lives at this time than all other times.

"We have with us this morning Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodul; Mrs. Woodul being one of the fairest daughters of South Texas, a true democratic Southern woman—the greatest of women. Mr. Woodul, our colleague, possesses the greatest attributes and characteristics of Southern chivalry, of true Southern manhood; love of home, love of country, a man imbued with patriotism, a man zealous of the duty he owes his God, his country and his home, a man concerned with the welfare of his fellow man, a man who looks to the wishes and wants of others, a man who is ever ready and willing to serve his country. It is my pleasure to commend Mr. and Mrs. Woodul to you. We wish for them the most of life; that there may be sunshine, that there may be pleasure, that there may be happiness. We hope that life's journey may be strewn with roses, and that few obstacles and few difficulties will gather in their pathway.

"It is my pleasure, gentlemen of the House, to present to them on behalf of the House as a little memento and token of appreciation this little gift from the House to them, which does not measure in any proportion the great esteem that the House has for them, but that this may be a remembrance to remind them in future years of the great esteem, respect and confidence that the House has for each of them, and that in future

years when they use this gift it will be used in remembrance of this House.

"That the love and regard of the individual membership of this House will grow with respect to this couple, and that their pleasures, successes and happiness may grow in like proportion until at a ripe old age their greatest expectations will be realized, and that life will have given them pleasure and prosperity, and that when it is completely rounded to old age, they will know that their lives have been spent in usefulness for mankind. The House presents to Mr. and Mrs. Woodul this memento.

"Gentlemen of the House, it is again my pleasure to introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodul. Mr. Woodul will now address you."

Mr. Woodul said:

"Gentlemen of the House: I want to say that I feel just like Brother Tillotson and Brother Laney would feel were they in my fix, but I do want to thank you in behalf of Mrs. Woodul and myself for this kindly remembrance that you have given us, and that we will always remember each and every one of you."

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Spradley, the House at 12 o'clock m. took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATION STATE DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being the resolution recommended by the committee to arrange for an investigation of the State departments and institutions, with motion by Mr. Mendell to lay the resolution on the table subject to call, and motion by Mr. Tillotson to set the resolution as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow pending.

Question first recurring on the motion by Mr. Tillotson, it was lost.

Question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Mendell to lay the resolution on the table subject to call, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Beard of Milam.	Neill.
Beasley.	Osborne.
Beason.	Peyton.
Bedell.	Reeves.
Butler.	Robertson.
Cox.	Smith of Hopkins.
Denton.	Stewart.
Dudley.	Taylor.
Fly.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Hunt.
McComb.	Tillotson.
McDowra.	Tilson.
McFarland.	Veatch.
Mendell.	Wilson.
Murrell.	

Nays—59.

Baker.	Meador.
Bell.	Miller of Dallas.
Bertram.	Moore.
Blackmon.	Morris.
Burton of Rusk.	O'Banion.
Cadenhead.	Raiden.
Clark.	Richards.
Cope.	Russell.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sallas.
Davis of Grimes.	Sentell.
Davis	Schlosshan.
of Van Zandt.	Scholl.
De Bogory.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Smith of Scurry.
Fisher.	Spencer of Wise.
Fitzpatrick.	Spradley.
Hardey.	Swope.
Harris.	Templeton.
Hill.	Thomason
Holaday.	of Nacogdoches.
Holland.	Thompson
Johnson.	of Red River.
Jones.	Trayler.
Laas.	Walker.
Laney.	White.
Lanier.	Williams
Lee.	of Brazoria.
Lindemann.	Williford.
McMillin.	

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Haidusek.
Bledsoe.	Thomason
Bryan.	of El Paso.
Bryant.	Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.	Hartman.
Beard of Harris.	Hawkins.
Blackburn.	Lange.
Carlock.	Lowe
Florer.	of McMullen.
Greenwood.	

Low	Schlesinger.
of Washington.	Spencer of Nolan.
Metcalf.	Strayhorn.
Neeley.	Tinner.
Nichols.	Tschoepe.
O'Brien.	Upchurch.
Parks.	Valentine.
Peddy.	Wahrmund.
Rogers.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Monday.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Cates.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
McCoy.	Williams
Martin.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum pending consideration of the pending resolution, and the motion was duly seconded.

The Speaker directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and permit no member to leave the House without written permission from the Chair, and he instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading out of the Hall.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to bring in the absentees.

Mr. Thomason of El Paso offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by striking out all language relative to manner of appointing committees and their central executive committeemen and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Said central executive committee shall be elected by the House in the following manner: Each member of the House shall make out a written ballot upon which he shall write the names of fifteen members whom he thinks best suited for the duties mentioned in said resolution. When each member of the House has voted, said ballots shall be collected and counted and the ten members receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the central executive committee to make the investigation provided for. Should any one or more of said ten members so elected as central executive committeemen fail or refuse, after good cause shown, to accept said position, then the member receiving the next highest vote among those balloted upon, shall be declared elected, and so on, until

said ten executive committeemen have been provided for. Each of said executive committeemen so elected shall appoint from the membership of this House, two members to serve with him as assistants, on his committee."

Mr. Pillow offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend the resolution by substituting the following for the amendment by Thomason of El Paso:

"Immediately upon the organization of the central executive committee, as aforesaid, it shall designate from its members the chairman and member of each of such sub-committees; immediately thereupon the chairman of each of such sub-committees shall submit to the central executive committee the names of two members of the House to serve upon the sub-committee of which he is chairman, which selections, if ratified by the central executive committee, shall be by it certified to the Speaker of the House with the recommendation that such members be appointed as members of such sub-committee. In the event the central executive committee shall fail to ratify such selections, or in case the Speaker fails to appoint pursuant to such ratification, with respect to any sub-committee, the chairman of such subcommittee shall immediately submit other names until a ratification and appointment is had."

On motion of Mr. Spradley the substitute was tabled.

Mr. Bell offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Substitute for the amendment offered by Mr. Thomason of El Paso:

Amend the resolution by striking out all language relative to appointment of subcommittees, and also strike out all language relative to appointment of Central Executive Committee and insert in lieu of said Central Executive Committee the following:

"That a committee of seven be elected by the House to make the investigation and carry out the purposes of this resolution. Said committee shall be granted all the time reasonably necessary to properly perform the duties herein imposed upon them.

"They are hereby authorized to employ such clerical help, auditors and accountants as may be reasonably necessary and proper to do said work, and the same shall be paid out of the con-

tingent expense fund of the House in the manner hereinafter provided."

Signed—Bell, Miller of Dallas.

Mr. Seawright moved to table the substitute.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—45.

Baker.	Meador.
Beard of Milam.	Metcalfe.
Beasley.	Neill.
Beason.	O'Banion.
Bedell.	Raiden.
Bertram.	Reeves.
Blackmon.	Russell.
Bryant.	Sackett.
Burton of Rusk.	Sentell.
Cope.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Grimes.	Seawright.
Davis	Smith of Bastrop.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Hopkins.
De Bogory.	Smith of Scurry.
Estes.	Stewart.
Fairchild.	Thompson
Hardey.	of Hunt.
Holaday.	Tilson.
Hudspeth.	Tinner.
Johnson.	Trayler.
Lee.	Williams
McComb.	of Brazoria.
McDowra.	Williford.
McMillin.	Wilson.

Nays—49.

Bell.	Miller of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Moore.
Butler.	Morris.
Cadenhead.	Neeley.
Clark.	Osborne.
Cox.	Peyton.
Crudgington.	Richards.
Davis of Dallas	Robertson.
Dodd.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Scholl.
Fisher.	Sholars.
Fitzpatrick.	Spradley.
Florer.	Strayhorn.
Fly.	Swope.
Haidusek.	Taylor.
Harris.	Templeton.
Hill.	Thomas.
Holland.	Thomason
Jones.	of Nacogdoches.
Laas.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Red River.
Laney.	Tillotson.
Lanier.	Veatch.
Lindemann.	Walker.
McFarland	White.
Mendell.	

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker. Bryan.

Denton.	Spencer of Wise.
Murrell.	Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.	O'Brien.
Beard of Harris.	Parks.
Blackburn.	Peddy.
Carlock.	Rogers.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Lange.	of El Paso.
Lowe	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Upchurch.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	Wahrmund.
Nichols.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Monday.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Cates.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
McCoy.	Williams
Martin.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.

Mr. Cope called for a verification of the vote.

The roll of yeas was called and found correct as first announced.

The roll of nays was called and found correct as first announced.

The verified vote stood as first announced, yeas 45, nays 49.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

Mr. Lee moved the previous question on the substitute and the amendment and the motion was lost.

Mr. Dudley moved the previous question on the substitute and the main question was ordered.

Question recurring on the substitute, yeas and nays were demanded.

The substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—42.

Bell.	Harris.
Bledsoe.	Holland.
Bryant.	Hudspeth.
Burton of Rusk.	Jones.
Butler.	Laas.
Cox.	Laney.
Crudgington.	Lanier.
Dodd.	Lindemann.
Dudley.	Mendell.
Fisher.	Miller of Dallas.
Fitzpatrick.	Moore.
Florer.	Osborne.
Fly.	Robertson.
Haidusek.	Scholl.

Smith of Hopkins.	Thompson
Spradley.	of Hunt.
Taylor.	Thompson
Templeton.	of Red River.
Thomas.	Tillotson.
Thomason	Veatch.
of El Paso.	Walker.
Thomason	White.
of Nacogdoches.	Woodul.

Nays—56.

Baker.	Metcalf.
Beard of Milam.	Morris.
Beasley.	Neeley.
Beason.	Neill.
Bedell.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	Peyton.
Blackmon.	Raiden.
Cadenhead.	Reeves.
Clark.	Richards.
Cope.	Russell.
Davis of Dallas.	Sackett.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
Davis	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Schlosshan.
De Bogory.	Seawright.
Denton.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Smith of Scurry.
Hardey.	Spencer of Wise.
Hill.	Stewart.
Holaday.	Strayhorn.
Johnson.	Swope.
Lacey.	Tilson.
Lee.	Tinner.
McComb.	Trayler.
McDowra.	Williams
McFarland.	of Brazoria.
McMillin.	Williford.
Meador.	Wilson.

Present—Not Voting.

Bryan.	Woods.
Murrell.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Nichols.
Beard of Harris.	O'Brien.
Blackburn.	Parks.
Carlock.	Peddy.
Greenwood.	Rogers.
Hartman.	Schlesinger.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lange.	Tschoepe.
Lowe	Upchurch.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
Low	Wahrmund.
of Washington.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Cates.
Bland.	Dunnam.
Brown.	McCoy.
Burton of Tarrant.	Martin.
Canales.	Miller of Austin.

Monday.	Roemer.
Nordhaus.	Terrell.
Pillow.	Williams
Poage.	of McLennan.
Pope.	Yantis.

Mr. Cope moved the previous question on all amendments filed, and the resolution and the motion was duly seconded.

Question—Shall the main question be now ordered?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the main question was ordered by the following vote:

Yeas—65.

Baker.	McFarland.
Beard of Milam.	McMillin.
Beasley.	Meador.
Beason.	Mendell.
Bedell.	Metcalf.
Bertram.	Morris.
Blackmon.	Murrell.
Bryan.	Neill.
Burton of Rusk.	O'Banion.
Butler.	Osborne.
Cadenhead.	Peyton.
Cope.	Raiden.
Cox.	Reeves.
Crudgington.	Russell.
Davis of Dallas.	Sackett.
Davis of Grimes.	Sentell.
Davis	Schlosshan.
of Van Zandt.	Seawright.
De Bogory.	Sholars.
Dodd.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Spencer of Wise.
Fitzpatrick.	Strayhorn.
Hardey.	Taylor.
Harris.	Thompson
Hill.	of Hunt.
Holaday.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Jones.	Tilson.
Lacey.	Tinner.
Laney.	Trayler.
Lee.	Williford.
McComb.	Wilson.
McDowra.	Woodul.

Nays—35.

Bell.	Laas.
Bledsoe.	Lanier.
Bryant.	Lindemann.
Clark.	Miller of Dallas.
Denton.	Moore.
Dudley.	Neeley.
Fisher.	Richards.
Florer.	Robertson.
Fly.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Scholl.
Holland.	Smith of Hopkins.
Johnson.	Spradley.

Stewart.	Tillotson.
Swope.	Veatch.
Templeton.	Walker.
Thomas.	White.
Thomason	Williams
of El Paso.	of Brazoria.
Thomason	
of Nacogdoches.	

Present—Not Voting.

Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.	Nichols.
Beard of Harris.	O'Brien.
Blackburn.	Parks.
Carlock.	Peddy.
Greenwood.	Rogers.
Hartman.	Schlesinger.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lange.	Tschoepe.
Lowe	Upchurch.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
Low	Wahrmund.
of Washington.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Monday.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Cates.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
McCoy.	Williams
Martin.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Thomason of El Paso, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Bell.	Morris.
Crudgington.	Templeton.
Dudley.	Thomas.
Florer.	Thomason
Laas.	of El Paso.
Laney.	Tillotson.
Lindemann.	Walker.
Miller of Dallas.	

Nays—84.

Baker.	Cadenhead.
Beard of Milam.	Clark.
Beasley.	Cope.
Beason.	Cox.
Bedell.	Davis of Dallas.
Bertram.	Davis of Grimes.
Blackmon.	Davis
Bryant.	of Van Zandt.
Burton of Rusk.	De Bogory.
Butler.	Denton.

Dodd.	Robertson.
Estes.	Russell.
Fairchild.	Sackett.
Fisher.	Sallas.
Fitzpatrick.	Sentell.
Fly.	Schlosshan.
Haidusek.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Seawright.
Harris.	Sholars.
Hill.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holaday.	Smith of Hopkins.
Holland.	Smith of Scurry.
Hudspeth.	Spencer of Wise.
Johnson.	Spradley.
Jones.	Stewart.
Lacey.	Strayhorn.
Lanier.	Swope.
Lee.	Taylor.
McComb.	Thomason
McDowra.	of Nacogdoches.
McFarland.	Thompson
McMillin.	of Hunt.
Meador.	Thompson
Mendell.	of Red River.
Metcalfe.	Tilson.
Moore.	Tinner.
Murrell.	Trayler.
Neeley.	Veatch.
Neill.	White.
O'Banion.	Williams
Osborne.	of Brazoria.
Peyton.	Williford.
Raiden.	Wilson.
Reeves.	Woodul.
Richards.	

Present—Not Voting.

Bledsoe.	Woods.
Bryan.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Nichols.
Beard of Harris.	O'Brien.
Blackburn.	Parks.
Carlock.	Peddy.
Greenwood.	Rogers.
Hartman.	Schlesinger.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lange.	Tschoepe.
Lowe	Upchurch.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
Low	Wahrmund.
of Washington.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Monday.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Cates.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
McCoy.	Williams
Martin.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.

Mr. Tillotson offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by adding the following at the end:

"Provided that said executive committee or either of the said sub-committees may act in co-operation with any committee or committees that may be appointed by the Senate for a similar purpose in such manner as may be determined by the committees of the two bodies."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Terrell offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by adding the following:

"The committee herein provided for shall make a complete investigation of the Legislative Department of the State Government, and inquire into the expenditures of the House and Senate for all purposes; and make such recommendations as the conditions may warrant, in regard to the manner and purposes of the expenditure of the contingent fund, and recommend such changes in the statutes as may be necessary to enforce all constitutional provisions and protect the State against illegal expenditures from the contingent fund, or against extravagant or illegal expenditures for any officer, employe or member of the Legislature."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Thompson of Hunt offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Add at end of fourth paragraph, Section 1, immediately following words thereto: "The central executive committee shall also employ, when his services become necessary, an efficiency expert, whose duty shall be to systematize all the different departments of the State government with a view to the consolidation of any two or more of them so as to reduce the expense of conducting same and also to devise such methods of management as will reduce to a minimum the expenses of conducting the State government and yet maintain the maximum of efficiency."

Signed—Yantis, Thompson of Hunt.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Thompson of Hunt offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend Section 4, page 4, of the committee report by adding after the word "weekly" in line five (5) of said section the words "for each day actually served."

Signed—Thompson of Hunt, Yantis.

The amendment was adopted.

Question then recurring on the resolution, yeas and nays were demanded.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—75.

Baker.	Metcalf.
Beard of Milam.	Morris.
Beasley.	Murrell.
Beason.	Neeley.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bertram.	O'Banion.
Blackmon.	Osborne.
Bryan.	Peyton.
Burton of Rusk.	Raiden.
Butler.	Reeves.
Cadenhead.	Richards.
Clark.	Robertson.
Cope.	Russell.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis of Grimes.	Schlosshan.
Davis	Seawright.
of Van Zandt.	Sholars.
De Bogory.	Smith of Bastrop.
Denton.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dodd.	Smith of Scurry.
Estes.	Spencer of Wise.
Fairchild.	Stewart.
Fly.	Swope.
Haidusek.	Taylor.
Hardey.	Thomas.
Holaday.	Thompson
Holland.	of Hunt.
Hudspeth.	Tillotson.
Jones.	Tilson.
Laas.	Tinner.
Lacey.	Trayler.
Laney.	White.
Lee.	Williams
McComb.	of Brazoria.
McDowra.	Williford.
McMillin.	Wilson.
Meador.	Woods.
Mendell.	Woodul.

Nays—22.

Bell.	Moore.
Bryant.	Sallas.
Cox.	Scholl.
Dudley.	Spradley.
Fisher.	Templeton.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of El Paso.
Harris.	Thomason
Hill.	of Nacogdoches.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Red River.
McFarland.	Walker.
Miller of Dallas.	

Present—Not Voting.

Bledsoe.	Veatch.
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Absent.

Bagby.	O'Brien.
Beard of Harris.	Parks.
Blackburn.	Peddy.
Carlock.	Rogers.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Strayhorn.
Johnson.	Tschoepe.
Lange.	Upchurch.
Lowe	Valentine.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
Low	Williams
of Washington.	of McLennan.
Nichols.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Miller of Austin.
Bland.	Monday.
Brown.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Canales.	Poage.
Cates.	Pope.
Dunnam.	Roemer.
McCoy.	Terrell.
Martin.	Yantis.

Reasons for Votes.

I vote "nay" against the resolution to create thirty jobs for members of the Legislature at \$5 per day and as many employes when ten men can do the work as effectively and well with less than a third of the expense of thirty men, and because the proponents in many instances have sought to cut off and have cut off every honest endeavor to make the committee a smaller one.

TEMPLETON.

I vote "nay," not because I am against a thorough investigation, but because I believe a committee of five might have done this more thoroughly and at less expense to the tax payers of the State than an unwieldy committee of thirty.

SCHOLL.

I am in favor of a thorough and complete investigation of all the departments of the State as well as all State institutions, but I am thoroughly convinced that a committee of thirty is too wildy and cumbersome a body to do the work and that the expense of such a committee will be a great burden on the tax payers of Texas. In my opinion seven men would be a committee of such size that it could accomplish something and the people would have some respect for its findings, but I do not believe that a committee of thirty men can do efficient work. For

these reasons I have voted against the resolution.

BRYANT.

I am heartily in favor of an investigation, but cannot vote for the resolution on account of the size of the committee and the manner of its appointment. I want a thorough investigation and want several of the departments of State government consolidated, but I want it done upon a business basis and at a reasonable cost to the tax payers.

I don't want thirty men, many of whom will likely be without experience in this special line of work, "joy riding" over the State with probably as many employes, and accomplish but little good unless it be to build some political fences for themselves.

I will gladly support the resolution if assured that a smaller committee of real business men are placed in charge. I also want the House to elect the committee, for there is entirely too much criticism of our Speaker, whether deserved or not, and I want the people to have confidence in the men who are to perform such important work.

BELL.

I am very much in sympathy with an honest, businesslike investigation of all State affairs. I favor this resolution except the size of committee, and I think the House should elect same. With thirty men and their clerks, stenographers, etc., playing politics and spending the people's money, nothing would be accomplished. Let a small committee of our best business men be elected by the House and this resolution will have my most active support.

THOMASON of El Paso.

I favor investigation, but think thirty members too great a number to appoint. Therefore, I do not vote.

VEATCH.

Mr. Bertram moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

Question—Shall the motion to table prevail?

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. O'Banion moved that the House adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—61.

Beasley.	Mendell.
Beason.	Metcalf.
Bedell.	Murrell.
Blackmon.	Neill.
Bryan.	O'Banion.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Clark.	Peyton.
Cope.	Raiden.
Cox.	Reeves.
Crudgington.	Richards.
Davis of Dallas.	Robertson.
Davis	Russell.
of Van Zandt.	Sackett.
Estes.	Sentell.
Fly.	Schlosshan.
Haidusek.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Seawright.
Hill.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holaday.	Smith of Scurry.
Hudspeth.	Spencer of Wise.
Johnson.	Stewart.
Jones.	Thomas.
Laas.	Tillotson.
Lacey.	Tilson.
Laney.	Tinner.
Lee.	Traylor.
McComb.	White.
McDowra.	Williford.
McFarland.	Wilson.
McMillin.	Woods.
Meador.	Woodul.

Nays—31.

Baker.	Lanier.
Bell.	Lindemann.
Bertram.	Miller of Dallas.
Bryant.	Moore.
Burton of Rusk.	Morris.
Butler.	Neeley.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
De Bogory.	Sholars.
Denton.	Swope.
Dodd.	Thomason
Dudley.	of El Paso.
Fairchild.	Thompson
Fisher.	of Red River.
Fitzpatrick.	Veatch.
Florer.	Walker.
Harris.	Williams
Holland.	of Brazoria.

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Smith of Hopkins.
Beard of Milam.	Thompson
Bledsoe.	of Hunt.

Absent.

Bagby.	Hawkins.
Beard of Harris.	Lange.
Blackburn.	Lowe
Carlock.	of McMullen.
Greenwood.	Low
Hartman.	of Washington.

Nichols.	Taylor.
O'Brien.	Templeton.
Parks.	Thomason
Peddy.	of Nacogdoches.
Rogers.	Tschoepe.
Schlesinger.	Upchurch.
Spencer of Nolan.	Valentine.
Spradley.	Wahrmund.
Strayhorn.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Monday.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Cates.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
McCoy.	Williams
Martin.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.

The House, accordingly, at 5:40 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 11, "An Act to amend Section 37, Chapter 17, of the General and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Thirty-third Legislature at its First Called Session, being 'An Act creating the San Patricio county road system, so as to require the tax assessor to make up the tax rolls of said county by defined road districts, instead of by justice precincts, by adding a new section to be designated as Section 37a; fixing a compensation of the tax assessor, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 15, "An Act to reorganize the Seventieth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of the courts as herein fixed; to validate such process and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 8, "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 8 of Chapter 181, General Laws, enacted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, establishing 'standard containers' and 'standard packs and grades' for fruits and vegetables, and to add thereto Section 2a, defining 'culls' and making the term 'cull' apply to all fruits and vegetables for which standard grades have been established, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 3, "An Act providing that in case of sales of real property of soldiers or sailors serving in the armies or navies of the United States who are in war with Germany, by virtue of deeds of trust or mortgages, where such sales are made without foreclosure suits, that before the execution of any conveyance or delivery of the property there shall first be filed a suit for the confirmation of the sales and for authority to make

conveyance and delivery of the property, declaring how service shall be had in such suits and the law applicable thereto, and providing for confirmation of such sales, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 2, "An Act to amend Title 37, Chapter 6 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 1868a, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, by providing that a defendant who is in the service of the United States either as a sailor or a soldier shall not be required to answer to the merits of a demand sued upon during the time he is actively engaged as either a sailor or soldier in the war between the United States and Germany, and providing that he shall be required to answer to the merits of such suit within ninety days from the date of the signing of a treaty of peace between the United States and Germany, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 14, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 23, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fritz Smith was appointed by the chair to make a full report. Messrs. Baker and McMillin gave notice of a minority report.

BLEDSON, Chairman.